PROCLAMATION

Appointing a Solemn National Thanksgiving.

NNE by the Grace of GOD, Queen of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith: To Macers of Our privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuchas it hath pleased the Almighty GOD to Bless and Prosper the Arms of Us and Our Allies with such great and unparalled Victories and Successes against the Enemies of the True Protestant Religion, and of the Liberties of Christendom, both in the Netherlands and in Catalonia, and elsewhere, as are truely Wonderful in the Eyes of all; And We and all Our good Subjects being most sensible of these fignal Mercies from GOD, and that it is Our Duty to return due Thanks and Praise unto his Name; as also, to Implore the continuance of the Divine Aid and Assistance with Our Armies and Forces, as well by Sea as Land, for carrying on this War to a happy conclusion of a firm and lasting Peace. And that not with standing the great and manifold Sins and Provocations, which to Our deep and sad Regrate, do so much abound amongst us: And that for these Reasons, the Presbytry of Einburgh, in behalf of the Church and Ministers thereof, have applyed to the Lords of Our privy Council, that a Day of folemn Thanksgiving and Prayer may be appointed in manner aftermentioned: Therefore We have thought fit, with Advice of the Lords of Our privy Council, to Appoint, likeas We hereby Appoint and Ordain a Day of solemn Thanksgiving and Prayer to Our great and gracious GOD, to be Observed throughout this whole Kingdom, upon the second Tuesday, being the Ninth of July next to come ; which Day, We hereby peremptorly Enjoyn to be keeped with all Religious Exercises surable to such an Occasion, and by all Ministers and others therein-concerned, as they will be Answerable, under their highest Peril. Our Will is berefore, and We Charge you, that incontinent thir Our Letters seen, ye pals to the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and to the Mercat-Croffes of the remanent Head Burghs of the several Shires within this Kingdom, and therein Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And Ordains Our Solicitors to cause send Prine ted Copies hereof to the Sheriffs of the several Shires and their Clerks, whom We Ordain to see the same Published; and appoints them to send Doubles thereof to the Ministers within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immedia atly preceeding the said Day above-mentioned, the same may be Published and And Ordains their Presents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the Eighth Day of June, and of

Our Reign the Fifth Year 1706.

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii. RO. FORBES, Cls. Sti. Concilii:

GOD fave the QUEEN.